I.T.D. Projects awaiting clearance

2311. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Integrated Tribal Development Projects are awaiting clearance of the Central Government;

(b) if so, what are the details of such projects received from Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan during the last three years and after; and

(c) what are the number of tribal families benefited with the implementation of these ITDPs projects and by when these projects are likely to be approved?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Increase in the Broadcast/Telecast Time

2312. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

SHRI KALPNATH RAI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the daily duration of the broadcast programmes and T.V. programmes in a day and make them practically round the clock programme;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the additional expenditure inolved in implementing the above schemes have been taken into account?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (c) Considering the heavy expenditure involved in obtaining of technical equipment and setting up of transmitters and recruitment of additional staff, it is not possible immediately to have AIR and TV programmes round-the-clock. However, enhancement of AIR broadcast and Doordarshan telecast time progressively is under the active consideration of Government.

Decline in Production Performance of Gold Mines

2313. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production performance of various gold mines has decreased during the last three years;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what steps have been taken to increase the production of these gold mines; and

(d) what has been the production of each of the gold mines during the last three years and what targets have been fixed for the next three years?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) to (d) Gold is produced in the country by Bharat Gold Mines Limited (BGML), a Central Government Undertaking and Hutti Gold Mines Company Ltd. (HGML), an undertaking of Karnataka Government, besides being recovered in small quantity as bye-product by Hindustan Copper Ltd. (HCL), another Central Government Undertaking. The three mines of BGML in KGF namely the Mysore Mine, the Nundydroog Mine and Champion Reef Mine have virtually been exhausted as these have been under operation over a century.

2. The production in BGML is declining due to:—

(i) Paucity of ore reserves.

(ii) Fall in grade of ore mined.

(iii) Fall in productivity on account of depth and environmental factor.

(iv) Natural calamities like rockbursts.

(v) Power cuts and acute shortage of water at Yeppamana Mine in Andhra Pradesh.

Steps being taken by BGML to increase the gold production include speeding up exploration and exploration of promising shallow gold mines at Yeppamana and Chigargunta in Andhra Pradesh apart from taking up exploration of gold deposits in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.

The production performance of BGML, HGML and HCL during the last three years and targets for the next three years are indicated below:

Production

(Unit: Kgs.)

B.G.M.L.	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
KGF Mines	820.3	618.9	647.5
Yeppamana Mine	68.8	102.3	77.2
Chigargunta & others	26.7	70.3	99.6
H.G.M.L.	837	916	881
H.C.L.	122.1	102.4	158.0

Targets

	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
K.G.F. Mines	650	532	444
Yeppamana Mine	150	180	210
Chigargunta & others	90	168	265

H.G.M.L.— Information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

H.C.L.— Being a bye-product, targets are not fixed.

Uncovering of the Man-power Export Racket

2314. **SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:** Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Police has recently uncovered a major racket in manpower export in April this year;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, indicating their modus operandi and the number of persons found to have been duped/trapped by them; and

(c) what further action is being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) A Delhi based recruiting agency deployed 130 workers for a Leather factory in Libya but on arrival they were diverted for Military camps. With the intervention of the Indian Embassy 57 workers have been absor-